GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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VACCINES OF HEPATITIS B
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make vaccines of Hepatitis B available in all the Government hospitals in the country at district level;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether permission has been given to some Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for vaccinating people for Hepatitis B;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the criteria made for the purpose;

(e) whether these NGOs are charging money for such vaccinations; and

(f) if so, the details of such cases which have come to light, State-wise and the action taken by the Government against such NGOs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): Introduction of Hepatitis B vaccine in Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) was implemented on pilot basis in 2002 in 14 city slum areas and 33 districts. Later, the entire areas of the 14 cities were covered. In 2007, the programme of Hepatitis B vaccination was expanded to States with 80% or more DPT3 coverage. As on date, 10 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are implementing Hep B vaccination in all the districts. In addition 11 districts and 6 cities of pilot areas located in 12 States/UTs are also continuing Hepatitis B vaccination programme.

Hepatitis B vaccines are made available to all Government hospitals in the above areas.

No decision has been taken to expand this to all the Government hospitals at district level across the country.

(c) & (d): No

(e) & (f): Not applicable in view of reply to part (c) & (d) above.